



# The eNewsletter

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## *From the Pen of the Senior Pastor...*

### **Looking Ahead...**

**January 23**

Chicks 'n Chocolate

**January 24**

Youth Bowling

**January 25**

Morning Worship/Installation  
Service

Sunday School

Shepherding Groups Meet  
HS SNL

**January 27**

Ladies' Hebrews Bible Study

**January 28**

Wednesday Night Supper  
Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal  
Wednesday Night Activities

**January 29**

Ladies' Bible Study

**February 1**

Lord's Supper Celebrated  
Sunday School  
Meneghini Baby Shower  
HS SNL

**February 3**

Mothers' Encouragement  
Group  
WM Council

**February 4**

Wednesday Night Supper  
Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal  
Wednesday Night Activities

**February 5**

Ladies' Bible Study

**February 6**

Valentine's Dinner

**February 8**

Morning Worship  
Sunday School  
Missions Committee Meeting  
Diaconate Meeting  
HS SNL

**February 9**

Ladies' Evening Bible Study

**February 10**

Ladies' Hebrews Bible Study

**February 11**

Wednesday Night Supper  
Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal  
Wednesday Night Activities

We are at war, always fighting the good fight for the faith.

The weapon used against us by our culture is seduction. The world, the flesh, and the evil one constantly attempt to seduce us into embracing ideas and lifestyles that brazenly ignore and flatly contradict the Truth preserved for us by our Lord in His Word.

Many in our day still use the "god" word. Many of our leaders will end their speech asking god to bless the USA.

Such "god-talk" is seductive. It sounds so good, but far too often, the god spoken of is not the One True God Who makes Himself known in Holy Scripture. Most often, such "god-talk" is a placebo. Almost never is Jesus mentioned. Instead, such "god-talk" reflects our pride in being a pluralistic culture that respects all religions.

Now, please hear me: I am grateful that one of President Franklin Roosevelt's four great freedoms is the freedom of religion.

However, during my lifetime, it has become obvious that the one religion our culture is free to ridicule and mock is our faith in Jesus Christ.

Our faith in Jesus as Savior, Lord, and King is resented, and because of our faith, we are frequently labeled as narrow-minded because we embrace the One Who boldly claims He alone is the Way, the Truth, and the Life; that all authority in heaven and on earth is His.

We've always had snipers trying to pick us off one by one, but during my forty-three years as a preacher of His Truth, our culture has placed cannons filled with grapeshot all around us, in a desperate attempt to blow us to pieces.

For years, Hollywood has ignored God, but during the last few decades, it has sought to seduce us into thinking sexual freedom is a great idea. Furthermore, the lyrics to many of today's popular songs and the stories told in much popular literature reinforce this message.

Forty-two years ago, the seduction of "free-sex" led the Supreme Court to legalize abortion. Sometime this year, the Supreme Court will determine the legality of same-sex marriages.

In addition, our culture has become filled with churches and denominations that have lost their bearing, since they've watered down the Gospel and chosen to emasculate our Lord's teaching concerning how those created by Him and for Him should live.

The challenge of our day and of coming days will be for God's people to lovingly proclaim and live in the light of true Truth. It may well be, in coming years, that there will be a price to pay for faithfulness to Him.

So, how should we live?

We should live with a quiet confidence in the One Who promised that He would build His church.

We should live with the encouragement of Paul's words in 2 Corinthians 10:3-5. Paul is writing to people living in the midst of a culture far worse than our own. They were few in number, and surrounded by the lures of seduction.

Paul tells them and us: "For though we walk in the flesh [though we continue to live in this world], we are not waging war according to the flesh [according to the ways of this world]. For the weapons of our warfare are not of the flesh [not of this world] but have divine power to destroy strongholds. We destroy arguments and every lofty opinion raised against the knowledge of God, and take every thought captive to Christ."

By God's grace, may it be said of us that we have kept the faith, have fought the good fight, and have run well the race.

May it be so, to the glory of God and for the sake of the temporal and eternal welfare of others.

~Pastor Caines



## What's Happening?

### Nursery Schedule January 25

#### Worship

##### Infants

Kelly Orthner & Judy Foster

##### Creepers

Dawn & Emilia Reynolds

##### Toddlers

Scott & Meg Orthner

##### Floater

Matthew Beatty

### Sunday School

##### Infants

Donna Armes  
& Jessica Greer

##### Creepers

Sue Spalding  
& Tammy Higgins

##### Toddlers

Babs Leach  
& William Higgins

### January Coordinator:

Judy Foster

### WEDNESDAY NIGHT

#### MENU

January 28	BBQ
February 4	Chicken Casserole
February 11	Lasagna
February 18	Stromboli/Pizza
February 25	Chili

### BABY SHOWER

A baby shower in honor of Emily Morris Meneghini is Sunday, February 1, from 12:00 p.m. to 1:00 p.m. in the Parlor. Emily is registered at Target and buybuybaby.com. She lives out of town, so gift cards and small, soft items will be helpful.

### CHICKS 'N CHOCOLATE

Tomorrow night, at 7:00 p.m. the CPC women are invited to the church for an After Christmas Re-Gift Swap. Bring a gift you have received that didn't work for you, but might be perfect for someone else. There are prizes for the best "re-gifts." Please contact Emily Calloway at emilycalloway@epbf.com for more information.

### YOUTH HAPPENINGS

All youth are invited to Pin Strikes Bowling this Saturday, from 12:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m. Cost is \$12 per person. Please see Chris or Tracy for more information.

### INSTALLATION SERVICES

Women's Ministry officers are being installed during the Morning Worship Service this Sunday, January 25.

### 3<sup>RD</sup> ANNUAL VALENTINE DINNER

Friday, February 6, the choir is holding their 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Valentine Dinner at the church at 6:30 p.m. The night features a four-course dinner, entertainment and a cake auction. There is currently a waiting list, as spots are full, but cancellations do occur. Please contact the church office to be put on the waiting list.

### THANK YOU

Thank you for the love you expressed to me by your prayers, calls, and cards during my recent procedure. "May you be blessed by the Lord, who made heaven and earth." Psalm 115.15

~Jeanie Ray

I want to express my appreciation to everyone at Covenant for cards and "words" of encouragement at my retirement reception. It's been my privilege to serve our LORD and His Church these many years. As a person who prefers to work behind the scenes, I was overwhelmed by the response and all the attention. Unlike my retirement from Combustion Engineering, I'll remain at Covenant and serve Him, only in a different capacity. May God continue to Bless His Church.

~Your Servant in Christ, Huston

### MARRIAGE RETREAT

This year's Marriage Retreat is Friday evening, April 17, through Sunday afternoon, April 19, at Oak Haven Resort in Sevierville, TN. Scotty and Darlene Smith are the guest speakers. The cost is \$190 per couple, and a deposit of \$50 is required to secure a registration. Registration ends on February 15. Registration forms are located in the lobby. Space is limited, so reserve your spot soon!

### DIRECTORY UPDATES

Please make the following changes in your CPC Membership Directories:

#### Geff & Jayne Lea Adams

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Phone (Jayne Lea).....423.902.0025

### NEW MEMBERS

Welcome our New Members who recently joined Covenant Presbyterian Church.

#### Chris & Tara Rimondi

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Email (Tara).....tara.rimondi@gmail.com

Chris and Tara are the parents of Gideon (age 5), Judah (age 3), and Caleb (age 1).

#### Duncan & Patrick Joyner

Duncan (age 15) and Patrick (age 12) are the sons of Jason and Crystal Middleton.

#### Andrew Wilkie

Andrew is the 9 year old son of Clint and Danielle Wilkie.

### BIRTHDAY/ANNIVERSARY CALENDAR

The February birthday and anniversary calendar is now available at the Welcome Center.

### BUDGET REPORT

A copy of the approved budget for 2015 is available at the Welcome Center.

### WEDNESDAY SUPPER

Wednesday Night Suppers are served from 5:30 p.m. until 6:40 p.m. The suggested donation for adults is \$4 and \$2.50 for children ages 5 to 11. Children 4 and under eat for free, and the maximum family donation is \$15.

For the month of January, the following shepherding groups have clean-up duty: E. Brown, K. Henry, J. Hildebrand, A. Sanders and J. Wykoff. We will contact you weekly by email to see if you are available to help.